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Wisconsin Receives Money for Hurricane Relief Efforts

Wisconsin receives \$227,555 to help evacuees

MADISON – Wisconsin was awarded \$227,555 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide health care, mental health and social services for victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. The grant money will be distributed to counties across the state based upon the number of FEMA households in their area.

“It’s not a lot of money from FEMA, but every little bit helps,” said Sue Reinardy, Deputy Secretary. “The counties are helping people get access to benefits including Medicaid and FoodShare. This will help with health care and supporting the evacuees through the trauma they have experienced.”

Wisconsin’s grant is part of \$550 million that HHS is funding to the 50 states and the District of Columbia for additional hurricane relief. The HHS Social Services Block Grant program provides health and social services for people that have been displaced. The money may also be used for the repair, renovation and construction of facilities providing services to the victims.

The amount of money allocated to each state is based on the number of households the state has in FEMA’s *Registrant Application Current Location by State* report. Wisconsin has 1,848 hurricane evacuee households, with nearly half of those in Milwaukee County. The total available per household from the grant is \$123.

Hurricane evacuees must register with FEMA to receive benefits. They can register online at www.fema.gov or by calling FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (for Hearing/Speech impaired TTY 1-800-462-7585).

Evacuees can contact their county’s Health and Human Services Department for assistance. Other helpful numbers are:

Medicare. Call (800) MEDICARE

Supplemental Security Income. Contact the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213

Unemployment Benefits. Call (866) 463-1128

Child Support. Statewide (800) 991-5530 or Milwaukee metropolitan area (414) 615-2400

Drivers License. People should contact their home state for a copy of their state driver's license or state ID. Louisiana residents call (877) DMV-LINE. For people that wish to become a Wisconsin resident and would like a Wisconsin driver’s license, call (608) 266-2353.

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County	Households	Amount			
Adams	4	\$493	Marquette	3	\$369
Ashland	2	\$246	Milwaukee	884	\$108,852
Barron	6	\$739	Monroe	10	\$1,231
Bayfield	1	\$123	Oconto	8	\$985
Brown	40	\$4,925	Oneida	2	\$246
Buffalo	1	\$123	Outagamie	27	\$3,325
Burnett	4	\$493	Ozaukee	27	\$3,325
Calumet	7	\$862	Pepin	1	\$123
Chippewa	11	\$1,354	Pierce	4	\$493
Clark	5	\$616	Polk	5	\$616
Columbia	8	\$985	Portage	10	\$1,231
Crawford	4	\$493	Price	1	\$123
Dane	166	\$20,441	Racine	68	\$8,373
Dodge	11	\$1,354	Richland	7	\$862
Door	24	\$2,955	Rock	17	\$2,093
Douglas	22	\$2,709	Rusk	1	\$123
Dunn	1	\$123	Sauk	9	\$1,108
Eau Claire	17	\$2,093	Sawyer	3	\$369
Fond Du Lac	16	\$1,970	Shawano	3	\$369
Grant	7	\$862	Sheboygan	23	\$2,832
Green	4	\$493	St. Croix	11	\$1,354
Green	4	\$493	Taylor	1	\$123
Iowa	2	\$246	Trempealeau	5	\$616
Jackson	1	\$123	Vernon	6	\$739
Jefferson	6	\$739	Vilas	9	\$1,108
Juneau	3	\$369	Walworth	34	\$4,187
Kenosha	55	\$6,772	Washburn	1	\$123
Kewaunee	2	\$246	Washington	20	\$2,463
La Crosse	24	\$2,955	Waukesha	83	\$10,220
Langlade	1	\$123	Waupaca	11	\$1,354
Lincoln	3	\$369	Waushara	8	\$985
Manitowoc	18	\$2,216	Winnebago	32	\$3,940
Marathon	19	\$2,340	Wood	4	\$493
Marinette	11	\$1,354	Total	1,848	\$227,555

Additional information for hurricane victims can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/>.

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